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***BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT***  
**LEGISLATOR BARRAGA ATTENDS THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
AND TREE DECORATING CEREMONY IN WEST ISLIP**



*Shown L-R: Philip Bruckner 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr; Ted Gladkowski Post Adjutant; Frank McNamee Finance Officer; Rocco Pepe, Suffolk County Treasurer Angie Carpenter; NY State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino (R-Massapequa) Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip); Greg Buck Post Cmdr. West Islip American Legion Post No. 1738 and Cub Scout Pack 83.*

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) recently participated in the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights and Tree Decoration Ceremony in West Islip.

The event was a collaboration of the West Islip American Legion, West Islip Chamber of Commerce, West Islip Fire Department, local school and community groups.

Legislator Barraga delivered the Acrostic entitled “A Community United”.

## A COMMUNITY UNITED

By Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga

Annually during the holidays we in West Islip

Come together to celebrate the Holy Season for

On this occasion we give thanks to Almighty God for the

Many good things in our lives and for the

Many family and friends who

United together with love give our lives happiness and

Now as we raise our voices in song and prayer

It is time to remember those

That are in need of help for

You and I can truly make a difference for we are a

United community one that has

Never said “no” to those who are in real need and

In times of strife we in West Islip come

Together with the blessing of God so that

Enlightenment, joy, peace and

Devotion to each other can make this a truly Holy Season